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SUBJECT: AMB TOGO LETTER TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TOGO  
TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, NOV 20.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. VICE PRESIDENT:

3. REFERRING TO THE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LAST SATURDAY  
MORNING, I THANK YOU FOR PERSONALLY BRINGING TO MY

ATTENTION YOUR ANNOYANCE AT THE INACCURATE WAY THE  
JAPANESE NEWS MEDIA REPORTED AND, IN TURN, THE U.S. MEDIA  
REPORTED BACK THE MEETING YOU GAVE MR. YANO AND HIS COL-  
LEAGUES OF THE KOMEITO PARTY.

4. I WAS VERY MUCH DISTURBED AND DISTRESSED AT  
THESE REPORTINGS, AND I FEEL DEEPLY SORRY THAT YOU HAD TO  
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BE BOTHERED AFTER WHAT I THOUGHT WAS AN EXCELLENT MEETING.  
HOWEVER, AS I ASSURED YOU, THE MEMBERS OF THE KOMEITO  
PARTY PRESENT IN THE MEETING HAD CORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD YOUR  
VIEWS EXPRESSED TO THEM, AND MY EMBASSY HAD MADE ACCURATE  
REPORT TO TOKYO. TO MAKE SURE, I SENT AN ADDITIONAL MES-  
SAGE TO PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA FOLLOWING YOUR TELEPHONE CALL

SO THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF  
MY GOVERNMENT.

5. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRIME  
MINISTER TO CONVEY TO YOU THAT HE HAS BEEN ACCURATELY  
INFORMED OF THE VIEWS AND COMMENTS YOU EXPRESSED TO MR.  
YANO, AND THAT THE SERIES OF ON-GOING BILATERAL ECONOMIC  
TALKS IN TOKYO, INCLUDING THE ONE BETWEEN THE PRIME  
MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD, ARE BEING CONDUCTED  
PROPERLY, IRRESPECTIVE OF SUCH ERRONEOUS PRESS REPORTING.

6. I WISH TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR SPARING YOUR PRECIOUS  
TIME TO RECEIVE THE KOMEITO DELEGATION. THE MEETING WAS  
REALLY CONSTRUCTIVE AND MEANINGFUL.

7. WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY YOURS, FUMIHIKO TOGO,

AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN. END TEXT. VANCE

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